

REMARKS

Applicant recognizes with appreciation that Claims 10 – 23 are allowed. In addition, according to telephone conversation with the Examiner on March 30, 2004, the Examiner indicates that Claim 26 is also allowed.

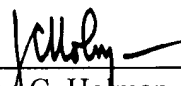
In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 – 9 and 27 – 32, without prejudice and disclaimer. Please note that Claims 1 – 9 and 27 – 32 were subjected to restriction requirement. Applicant is entitled to pursue further prosecution of the invention covered by Claims 1 – 9 and 27 – 32 in separate application(s). In addition, Claim 11 has been rewritten in dependent form to include limitations in Claim 1 to avoid dependent on cancelled claim.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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